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Kodiak Land Fill Project Draws Fire; Resident Seeks Removal from Area

Public Hearing Set for Nov. 24

The City's new sanitary land fill came under fire at the City Council meeting Monday, when a resident of the area, Mrs. Leon Johnson, appeared before the council voicing objection to it.

In an impassioned plea to have the operation conducted elsewhere in the city, Mrs. Johnson voiced the opinion that property values in the area would depreciate, that rats would move in and that the general unsightliness of the operation was disheartening. "Property owners are the ones to suffer," she stated. "It is very unsanitary. Children going through the area have been seen to kick garbage as they go by. This is very unhealthy. The sight of flocks of seagulls who daily cart off garbage, strewing it in our front yards, is not a pleasant sight. Dogs have come home sick, after digging in the garbage. Several rats have been seen in the area—and we have been quite free of them near our homes, up to now."

J. Richard Pace, City Sanitarian, then spoke, stating that no method of garbage disposal was as satisfactory as the land-fill method.

"With daily compacting and covering, as was being done, no rats were attracted." In answer to Mrs. Johnson's statement that rats were seen in the area, he stated this was due to a seasonal migration. "It happens every year—land-fill or not," he said.

In answer to the rat argument, City Manager Poland stated the land-fill would not be an attraction for rats. "It is a scientific fact that rats do not burrow below eighteen inches into the ground. Daily covering of the garbage with six inches of dirt, and eventual covering of more than two feet, will not offer much inducement for rats," Poland stated.

A public hearing on the question is slated for Monday, November 24 at the City Hall. Interested persons living within the city limits are invited to attend and present their views.

H-Bomb Film Seen At CD Meeting

A Civil Defense meeting held Thursday at the City Hall drew a crowd of about thirty-five who witnessed an impressive film on the H-bomb and its devastating effects.

A group of volunteers are slated to go to the Abercrombie area, and assist in cleaning out two big concrete buildings. These buildings will be used to house evacuees in the event of an air-raid. Date of the cleanup operation is Sunday, November 9, at 2 p.m.

Among other plans formulated by the group will be the organization of a police and fire patrol, and the distribution of pamphlets on Civil Defense throughout the city. The next Civil Defense meeting will be held November 13, according to Civil Defense Director Art Brooks.

Urge Fluoridation Of Kodiak's Water

The case for fluoridation of City water was presented to the Council Monday night by Mrs. Pat Lynch.

In a rapid-fire speech Mrs. Lynch outlined the advantages of fluoridation in helping prevent decay of children's teeth. The method has been tried successfully in many communities throughout the nation and Canada. It is now past the experimental stage and is a recognized and comparatively inexpensive method of combating decay in teeth.

Mrs. Lynch presented the idea for Council consideration for some time in the future. She distributed brochures setting forth the advantages of fluoridation.

The City Manager was instructed by the Council to look into the program, as to cost of installation and operation.

Nixon to Arrive Anchorage Today

Vice-President Nixon will arrive this afternoon in Anchorage. He will speak before an anticipated large audience at the Anchorage high school auditorium tonight in what has been billed as a "major address."

He will speak at 9 p.m., and will be introduced by Mike Stepovich, GOP Senate candidate. Nixon's speech will be carried over KENI-TV and on a radio hook-up throughout Alaska.

Upon arrival at the airport, the Vice-president will be greeted by a welcoming committee headed by Acting Mayor Hewitt Loundsbury, and a 104 piece high school band in a non-political reception.

Marine Railway At Gibson's Cove

Possibilities loom for a marine railway to be constructed at Gibson's Cove.

City Manager Bill Poland received Council approval to explore the possibilities of acquiring the site from the Navy. He has already opened negotiations with Navy officials to that end.

Upon acquiring the property, the plan is to lease it to interested parties for the operation of a marine railway. The necessity for boat repair facilities for larger boats has been felt several times during the past years.

Along The Waterfront

Repairs Made to Wind Blown Roof

Frank McConaghy arrived in town Thursday of last week to oversee the re-roofing of Halfertys Cannery. He was accompanied by Parry Huff, insurance adjuster from Parker and Huff Insurance Company.

A section of the roof was blown off in the high winds over the October 18 weekend. When it blew off, it took a forty foot antenna and a twenty foot boiler stack with it. Both were replaced by Kodiak Welding.

The men employed to replace the roof were Tiny Cichoski, Cecil Brown, Al Anderson, Henry Neseth, Charles and George Christoffersen, James Pearson, Budd Fadeoff, and John Molletti.

The superintendent's apartment was flooded when the roof blew off. McConaghy will occupy the apartment next summer. Norman Hoagland, superintendent the past two summers, has resigned. Del Valentine will assist McConaghy in next years operation.

Chuck Turner Here

Chuck Turner arrived Monday morning to look over the work at the new Alaska King Crab cannery. He also went to Port Bailey to make arrangements for the winter.

Emil Norton, supervisor of construction at the Alaska King Crab cannery, says they plan to have their cannery in operation by the end of November. Monday the crew will start building tables and crab processing gear.

TRAVEL EXPENSES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Travel expenses and per diem charged to the city by an engineering firm are being checked before payment.

The costs were in connection with preliminary engineering by the firm of Rutledge, Johnson, Tryck on the small boat harbor. Some of the Councilmen felt that the minutes should be searched for specific information as to the authorization. The subject will be resumed at the next meeting of the Council.

Repairs to the small boat harbor will be made soon, according to the City Manager.

Pilings broken off will be replaced, and the replacement would be braced both by bearing pilings and capped across to the opposite piling.

MARY M IN PORT

Ira Rothwell, the skipper of the Mary M., will tow a barge load of trucks, owned by Chisum Electric, to Seward. From there the trucks will be taken to Kenai.

The Mary M., recently came from Jute Bay where the barge took cargo to Humble Oil Company.

Legion Dinner Guests Hear Speakers

Jacinsky Wins Oratory Contest

Speeches by two visiting American Legion dignitaries and two high school entrants in the Legion Americanism oratorical contest were enjoyed by Legionnaires and invited guests at a no-host dinner held at the Montmartre Saturday evening, presided over by Commander of the Jack Allman Post, George Cornelius.

Jules Radinsky, toastmaster, introduced Corwin L. Johnson, National Vice-Commander and Service Officer, from Bellevue, Wash., who spoke to the group on the work of the American Legion. He stressed the body's efforts in preserving American ideals and fighting Communism, and gave striking examples of the difference between present treatment of veterans against previous treatment in regard to benefits and medical aid provided.

Joseph Brinoes, Department Adjutant and Service Officer in Alaska, from Anchorage, spoke on the same lines but stressed the

aspects as they involved local posts and what they could do to fulfill their intended functions.

Philip Trent, Past Post Commander, and Dr. Victor Strash, member, also spoke briefly on Legion work and the evening's theme of Americanism.

One of the highlights of the evening was the oratorical contest with finalists Sharon Van Buren presenting an original and dramatic outline of the differences between democracies and totalitarian governments, and Adolph Jacinsky, who graphically outlined what it means to be an American.

The latter was chosen winner and will represent Kodiak among 27 contestants at Anchorage in April. Both students will be presented with Legion Americanism medals at a school assembly. Judges were FasRon Commanding Officer H.S. Lorient, Colonel Wood, O. K. Kincaid, Captain Jacoby, Dr. Strash and Merrill Coon, chairman.

Musical entertainment was provided by a mixed voices group from the local high school under the direction of Director Robert Boko.

Honored guests included Captain and Mrs. R.B. Jacoby; FasRon Commanding Officer and Mrs. H. S. Lorient; Captain and Mrs. T.F. Epley, Coast Guard Air Detachment; Colonel and Mrs. A. Wood, U.S. Marine Detachment; Richard W. Worthington, Jr., Senior Medical Officer; Mayor and Mrs. Merrill Coon and Chamber of Commerce President and Mrs. O.K. Kincaid.

Over eighty guests enjoyed the menu of Kodiak King crab cocktails.

Polands Leave For the States

Bill and Kay Poland leave for Juneau and the states next Tuesday.

Poland, who is city manager here, will attend the League of Alaskan Cities in Juneau, Nov. 5-8. Following the convention, the Polands will continue to Seattle. Poland has not been "Outside" for ten years, and it has been six since his wife has left Alaska.

Shooter Honored By Commandant

Letters of commendation went to E. D. King, AO1, district small arms instructor, who accompanied members of the Kodiak Rifle and Pistol team to San Diego for a Navy meet recently.

Adm. McKechnie presented the letters at yesterday's inspection on the naval station, when he also presented the Commandant's Trophy to the team.

The team placed sixth in the Pacific Fleet competition at San Diego. King was second highest in the meet, and won a place on the Pacific Fleet team. He then went on to Dam Neck, near Camp LaJeune, Virginia. He was high there, and was chosen for the all-Navy team. Navy competed in the National Association of Rifle Club's meet at Camp Perry, Ohio, and won. George Peters, YNC, was captain of the pistol team and R. C. Emerson, RM1, of the Rifle group.

New Pope Chosen On Twelfth Ballot

Angelo Cardinal Roncalli was chosen pope Tuesday.

Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice, becomes the 262nd supreme ruler of the Roman Catholic Church and its half billion followers.

He is 76 years old.

Chosen in secret conclave by the College of Cardinals, the new pontiff chose the name John XXIII.

He succeeds Pope Pius XII who died after a reign of 19 years and seven months, one of the longest reigns in the history of the church.

The new Italian pope, in the Roman Catholic view, is in direct succession to St. Peter. His titles, as officially listed by the church, are:

"Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Rome and Sovereign of the State of Vatican City."

The new pope, bald-headed and benign looking, has been one of the most popular prelates in Italy. He also has many friends abroad, particularly in France where he spent eight years as papal nuncio.

He has a sturdy health and is an untiring worker. His affable manners and quick-witted conversation have made him a well-known figure at many diplomatic receptions.

Humble Beginning

He was born as the son of a farmhand in a small village in the province of Bergamo.